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**OUR DELAYED INAUGURATION**

We elect a President early in November and wait until March 4 to put him in office. There is an interval of four months in which little is accomplished. In the early days of the Nation considerable time was necessary between the election and inauguration on account of the slow transportation of that time. There is now no reason why the chief executive should not take office shortly after he is chosen.

In case the party which has been in power is defeated, no important questions are likely to be taken up until the new officials have been installed.

When a party is not returned to power, it accomplishes little until the new representatives take charge. The issues advocated by the successful side must wait four months or more for action to be taken. When the people have expressed their will, there is no reason to delay so long in carrying it out.

England and France have recognized this and have arranged that new officials take office at once. If a serious crisis should occur in the period of inaction between our election and inauguration, the result might easily be serious.

A mere matter of precedent is no argument for such an unwieldy practice in our government.

While the number of queens is decreasing in the Old World, every town hall and country club has one in the New.

**FULL VALUE ASSESSMENTS**

Equal taxation now seems probable for Missouri. The taxing of the state has always been in chaotic condition. Because of political pressure, custom and a desire to keep the taxes paid to the state as low as possible the assessors have always tried to strike a minimum of assessments in their county.

The law requires assessment at full value but custom has sanctioned the violation of this law. Indeed, when an effort was made to fulfill the law's requirements the old sham assessments were immediately restored as soon as the work came before the State Board of Equalization for review. So we see property in one county being assessed at 100 per cent more than in another, and both assessments varying from 20 to 80 per cent less than actual value.

Local assessors of the state, in session at Jefferson City, pledged themselves by resolution to legal and full-value assessments. The same resolution suggests that the Legislature remove the excuse for low-value assessments by reducing the tax rate. Inefficiency of revenue will largely be solved if the pledge and resolution is carried out.

**A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST**

That there are exactly four more elements which are not yet known, was the discovery of H. G. Moseley, a scientist of England. In working with X-rays and comparing the X-ray frequency or wave length of one element with that of other elements, he worked out a definite mathematical law of variation which some day may be accepted as of as great importance as the discoveries of Newton.

The square root of the X-ray frequency of any given element has a fixed relation to the square root of the frequency of the element next heavier or next lighter than itself. Moseley's studies finally proved that the square roots of all elements from the heaviest to the lightest make a regular descending or ascending progression that can be illustrated in a series of steps. In this series there were just four steps missing. Not only do scientific minds accept the conclusion that only four elements remain undiscovered, but, before

these elements are known, they are able to tell what will be their frequency, their weight and the group of elements to which they probably belong.

It is believed that the nucleus of the hydrogen atom is also the nucleus of the atoms of all other elements. The theory that the atoms of all elements are made up of exactly the same things is well founded. When we learn how to control this arrangement, we can change one element into another. So the old illusion which for centuries brought ridicule upon the alchemists was not an illusion at all. Lead may yet be turned into gold. When Moseley contributed this brilliantly conceived and enlightening work, he was 26 years old.

**THE NEW BOOKS**

**"The Best College Humor."**  
"If the dean doesn't take back what he said this morning, I am going to leave college."  
"What did he say?"  
"He told me to leave college."

This is a fair example of the thousand funniest things from all the American college humorous magazines which appear in "The Best College Humor." The book is profusely illustrated with laugh-provoking drawings. There are jokes, stories, sayings, verse, and all that go to make spontaneous and human humor. The ludicrous introduction by H. C. Witzer is typical of his style of humorous writing and can be justly classed as one of his best pieces of work.  
(Handy Book Corporation, Reading, Pa.; cloth, 80 pages; \$2.)

**Heart Troubles and Their Relief.**  
"Heart Troubles, Their Prevention and Relief," by Louis Faupers Bishop, M. D., is an authoritative discussion of the subject written in an easy popular style and avoiding the use of obscure technical terminology. It describes the various types of heart diseases in a lucid and informing way, and tells what should be done in each case, the mode of life best suited to the trouble, the most beneficial diet, etc. It also goes carefully into the question of treatment by drugs, by the Naubach bath method and by exercise.  
(Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; cloth, 422 pages.)

**BEST STORY OF THE DAY**

It was a hot summer noon in Columbia. The groutiest man in town entered the lunchroom looking for something to eat and as usual something to grouch at.

She was the new waitress and was trying hard to be pleasing to everyone. She didn't know he was the groutiest man in town and proceeded to treat him like the others.

She served him the first course. He couldn't find anything to grouch at in that. Then the second course and still nothing to grouch at. He was beginning to get desperate. Finally he spied some drops in the glass of water at his plate.

"Waitress! Waitress!" He frowned and pounded on the tiny table as if he enjoyed finding something to fuss about. "This glass of water has drops in it. Can't you see?"

The new little waitress was frightened. She was almost so frightened that she forgot to be polite but she remembered. She took the glass and went after more water.

"Waitress! Why don't you bring that water you went after? It has been ten minutes since you took that glass," he roared.

The waitress was composed this time. She calmly pointed to a glass of water on a table near him.

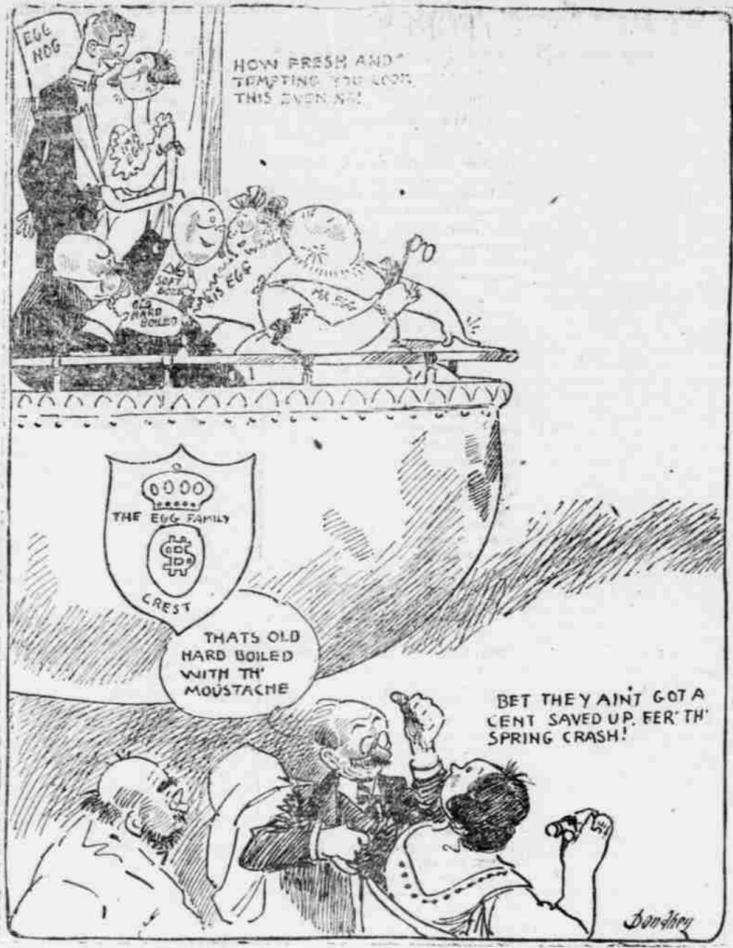
"There, sir, is your second glass of water. I'm waiting for it to settle this time."  
The groutiest man smiled and ordered a Coca-Cola.

**THE CALENDAR**

- Jan. 28—Savitar Bell, Daniel Boone Tavern.
- Jan. 23-29—Basketball, Kansas vs. Missouri.
- Jan. 28—Basketball, C. H. S. vs. U. H. S.
- Feb. 4—Basketball, C. H. S. vs. Troy.
- Feb. 18-19—Basketball, Drake vs. Missouri.
- Mar. 4-5—Basketball, Kansas Aggies vs. Missouri.
- Mar. 31—Memorial Society Essay Contest closes.
- Jan. 28—Piano recital, Stephens College, 7:45 p. m.
- Feb. 5—W. A. A. Vandeville, University Auditorium.
- Feb. 11, 12 and 13—State conference of Student Volunteer Band in Columbia.
- Feb. 15—Banquet by Boone County Medical Association commemorating the eightieth anniversary of Dr. A. W. McAlister.
- Feb. 21, 22—Local American Legion post gives motion picture show at Odessa Theater.
- Feb. 23, 24—The "Green Jug," musical comedy by journalism students.

**More Money for Rhodes Scholars.**  
The annual allowance granted to all Rhodes scholars has been temporarily increased from 300 pounds to 350 pounds, according to an announcement made recently by Frank Aydelotte, American secretary of the Rhodes scholarships. The statement issued by Mr. Aydelotte says that the trustees regard the additional 50 pounds as a bonus and not as a permanent addition to the scholarship, because they cannot be certain either of the value of money in future years or of their own capacity to continue the payment indefinitely.

**HIGH SOCIETY**



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**Finds That Farmer's Button Is a Passport to Hospitality**

Prompted by a desire to compare Columbia to Chicago and other cities whose newspapers are testing the politeness of their citizens, a Missouriian reporter went out last week to see how much effort Columbians were expending in being polite to the Farmers' Week visitors.

So, disguised as a visitor with a big blue and white badge, he left the Agricultural building. On his way down the road walk he met three University girls, walking abreast, and was forced off the walk. That was a good start.

The next object of interest was the new Home Economics Building. The reporter had progressed in his investigation as far as the second floor, when he was hailed from the ground.

"Are you looking everything over?" came a friendly voice.

The politeness-hunter climbed down a ladder and found the man who operated the elevator which carried materials to the second floor. The operator answered sundry questions and asked others about the success of the exhibits. "I wonder if there are any night meetings that I could go to," he asked. "I'd like to have a program." The reporter happened to have one and presented him with it.

"How to Overhaul An Engine," he read. "I guess that wouldn't teach me so much. But I'd like to see those boys' and girls' gymnastics."

From there the curious reporter went to Broadway. The story of the fictitious friends he hunted would be long; but in every case the reply was courteous, even though at times disinterested.

Finding himself in front of an express office, he went inside to inquire for a package. Over the window was a sign in big type, "Be Courteous Always." He asked for the package. There wasn't anything there. The inquirer was very much put out. He had been expecting the package for several days. "Will there be another train in this afternoon?" he asked. The man said there would be and continued writing. He was polite, but noticeably indifferent. Perhaps the sign was meant for the customers.

While on the subject of trains, the politeness-seeker wandered to the Washburn station. "How soon can I get a train to Kansas City?" he asked. The man at the window had just finished a ten-minute conference with several other information seekers, but hadn't lost his good humor.

"At ten-fifty in the morning," he answered. But the "farmer" wanted to leave town that night. There was a special train one evening, the ticket agent said, but on looking it up he found it didn't leave till Friday. Then he spent several minutes looking through his time table to find what time one could leave by another route. He ran a close race with the elevator man for first place in politeness.

Falling to find much real impoliteness by a direct route, our friend hid himself to a telephone and tried that. He called a theater and asked them if they would reserve seats for a line party. Certainly, they would be glad to hold them if the party would come a little early, was the reply that came back. And then the man at the other end of the wire explained just why he couldn't hold them later. The reason was logical and satisfying.

Even "central" refused to resent repeatedly wrong and mixed numbers.

**BETWEEN COLUMNS**

The dreamer's brain has a secret spring.

We wish the publishers who advertise Mr. Roosevelt as a "100 per cent American" would tell us what other kind there is.

Have you ever noticed that when a good thing is launched the opposing powers buckle down to overthrow it. Hence your efforts are appraised.

MY AIRPLANE  
Where'er I soar on lofty thought  
I find the soul's estate;  
Pure atmosphere that vibrates naught  
Of envy, fear or hate.  
Safe from the false I wing the air—  
Secure from scorners' thrall—  
Their voices lost in space. Up there?  
God lives! The ages call.  
THE WAYFARER.

**ON OTHER CAMPUSES**

Washington University and the University of Missouri are not the only ones to suffer from "dancing" troubles. According to Chicago newspapers, the University of Chicago circles are threatened with a social revolution because of a slow, waddling, sidestep dance, known as the "Tiddle." The head of the girls' dormitory, Mrs. Florence Goodspeed, has, according to reports, become so shocked by the dance that she wished she had never lived to see such "utterly shocking, horrible dances." Professor Frederick Thrasher of the sociology department also declared that the "Tiddle" should not be tolerated.

The faculty is expected to take action against the dance in a few days, as the controversy has reached such dimensions that some decision is imperative.

**HALLSVILLE NOTES.**

David Chandler returned home from Columbia Sunday.

Miss Nadine Hall of Columbia was the guest of Miss Olivia Chandler Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mildred Morgenthaler of Columbia visited homefolks this week-end.

Mrs. Charles Mullins returned to her home in DeQueen, Ark., Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Lawrence accompanied her grandson, Lawrence Mitchell, to his home in Carrollton, where she is the guest of Mrs. Mitchell.

O. F. Nichols returned home from Columbia Monday.

The possibility of serving warm lunches to the students of the high school was

discussed by two workers from the Extension Division of the University of Missouri when they visited the high school Tuesday.

The boys of the high school have made a new laboratory case and bookcase for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Smith and their daughter, Nannie, will leave soon for New Mexico. They will live in that state until Miss Nannie's health is improved.

Dinner was served at the Scot Smith sale last Tuesday by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Turner Asbury went to St. Louis Wednesday to attend the hardware merchants' convention.

Miss Jewell Austene entertained the S. S. Club at her home Saturday evening. Refreshments were served.

George Robinson and Mrs. Rachie Johnson were married Tuesday at Centralia. They will live in Hallsville.

W. R. Flynt returned to his home in California, Mo., after visiting his father, R. M. Flynt.

**ABROAD IN MISSOURI**

Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace of New London died last Monday at the age of 101. A brickmason of Liberty says that he helped place a gallon of whisky in the wall of a business house there. Fearing for the safety of the building, he will not tell its location.

The Richmond Fruit Co. is to operate a truck line between Kansas City and Carrollton.

Residents of Clay County are planning a wolf hunt Saturday on the Oscar Petty farm three miles north of Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Rippey of Richmond celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary January 11.

Richmond has installed a White Way. Ray County shipped 14,632 carloads of freight during 1920.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Scholl of Vandalia were given a pound of groceries by each member of the church last Tuesday.

Kirkville is planning to put signs on all its streets.

Mexico will hold a city primary election February 21.

John S. Buckner, southwest of Auxvasse, shipped a carload of heaves averaging 1,200 pounds to St. Louis Tuesday.

There are five candidates in Moberly for mayor. The election will not be held until spring.

A contract has been let to advertise the roads of Moberly.

Moberly is bothered with a small man in a gray suit who goes about at night throwing his arms around women.

The Odd Fellows lodge in Moberly has bought a building.

Excelsior Springs is preparing an extensive sanitation and general improvement campaign.

The Missouri Brotherhood of Threshermen will hold a convention in Moberly March 29, 30 and 31.

A live stock shipping association has been organized at Lamont.

The Farmers Union of Osage County recently purchased an elevator at Argyle.

**COLUMBIA THEATRE**  
Tonight, Friday and Saturday  
A SUPER PRODUCTION  
**Cecil B. DeMille's**  
PRODUCTION  
**"WHY CHANGE YOUR WIFE?"**

WITH  
**Thomas Meighan, Gloria Swanson, Bebe Daniels, Theodore Kosloff**  
ALSO  
**"LET HER GO"**  
A MACK SENNETT COMEDY

We suggest you attend the Matinee to avoid the congestion in the evening.

**HOOSIER**  
— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps

**Hoosier Holds A Nation-Wide Preference**

The features which distinguish the Hoosier are many. Each bears a distinct relation to the completed cabinet. No one convenience claims all attention. Hoosier is, therefore, nothing less than a group of master ideas, scientifically arranged.

In effect, Hoosier is a labor-saving machine, each part of which is vital to satisfactory service.

Hoosier arrangement and Hoosier quality have made the Hoosier factory the world's largest kitchen cabinet producer.

"If you haven't a Hoosier, you need one,"—that's what nearly two million women say. They KNOW, for they use them each day. Isn't your time and strength worth the moderate cost of a Hoosier on convenient terms?

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